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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This response to the non-final Office action dated August 27, 2003 is submitted in the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Please extend the time for response by three months as provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A check is enclosed in the amount of \$475.00. No additional fees are believed to be due. Applicants respectfully request this response be considered by the Examiner and a timely Notice of Allowance issued in this application.

**Amendments to the Specification** are described beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.